

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-20 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 3, 4, and 5 being the independent claims. Claim 7 is sought to be amended to depend from claim 6 in order to address the Examiner's objection. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 20 are sought to be amended to correct minor informalities. Specifically, claims 1 and 4 are each sought to be amended to remove an extraneous "and," claim 3 is sought to be amended to correct the spelling of "mechanism," and claim 20 is sought to be amended to place a comma after the preamble. The specification is also sought to be amended to address the Examiner's objections with regard to inconsistent use of reference numbering, as discussed below. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and/or rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Specification Objections

In the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification in that the "baseframe" was misidentified in paragraphs [0034] and [0035] as "baseframe 110A" and "baseframe 110B," respectively. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for pointing out these errors. Accordingly, Applicants have amended paragraphs [0034] and [0035] to correct the identification of the referenced baseframes as "baseframe 105A" and "baseframe 105B," respectively. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the objection the specification be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Objection

The Examiner objected to claim 7 for lacking antecedent basis for "said second reaction mass." As correctly pointed out by the Examiner, "said second reaction mass" was introduced in claim 6. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 7 to depend from claim 6. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 7 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

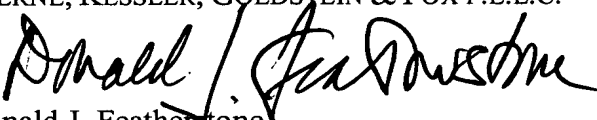
All of the stated grounds of objection and/or rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and/or rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

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